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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the seventy-eighth session^{*,}**

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 9.30 a.m. on 30 August and concluding at 5.30 p.m. on 1 September 2023

* For reasons of economy, delegates are requested to bring copies of all relevant documents to the session. There will be no documentation available in the conference room. Before the session, documents may be downloaded from the ECE Sustainable Transport Division's website (<https://unece.org/info/events/event/374917>). On an exceptional basis, documents may also be obtained by email (GRBP@un.org). During the session, official documents may be obtained from the UNOG Documents Distribution Section (Room C.337, third floor, Palais des Nations). For the translation of the official documents, delegates can access the public Official Document System (ODS) on the following website (<http://documents.un.org/>).

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5. UN Regulation No. 92 (Replacement exhaust silencing systems for motorcycles).
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7. Tyres:
 - (a) UN Regulation No. 54 (Tyres for commercial vehicles and their trailers);
 - (b) UN Regulation No. 106 (Tyres for agricultural vehicles and their trailers);
 - (c) UN Regulation No. 117 (Tyre rolling resistance, rolling noise and wet grip);
 - (d) UN Regulation No. 124 (Replacement wheels for passenger cars);
 - (e) Tyre abrasion;
 - (f) Other UN Regulations on tyres.
8. Exchange of information on national and international requirements on noise levels.
9. Proposals for amendments to the Consolidated Resolution on the Construction of Vehicles.
10. Development of the International Whole Vehicle Type Approval system.
11. Highlights of the recent sessions of the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations.
12. Exchange of views on the future work of the Working Party on Noise and Tyres.
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II. Annotations

1. Adoption of the agenda

In accordance with Chapter III, Rule 7 of the Rules of Procedure (ECE/TRANS/WP.29/690/Rev.2) of the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29), the first item on the provisional agenda is its adoption.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRBP/2023/13

2. UN Regulation No. 41 (Noise emissions of motorcycles)

GRBP is invited to consider proposals that were prepared by the experts from the International Motorcycle Manufacturers Association (IMMA) and the International Organisation of Standardisation (ISO) with the aim to allow the use of the latest standard ISO 10844:2021 test track.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRBP/2023/14, ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRBP/2023/15

3. UN Regulation No. 51 (Noise of M and N categories of vehicles)

GRBP will be informed about the activities of the Informal Working Group on Measurement Uncertainties (IWG MU).

GRBP will recall that, at its previous session, it decided to revert to the IWG MU proposal that aimed to amend UN Regulation No. 51 with tables showing the measurement uncertainties when performing type approval, conformity of production or field testing.

Documentation

Informal document GRBP-77-09

At its previous meeting, GRBP agreed to resume the activities of the Informal Working Group on Additional Sound Emission Provisions (IWG ASEP) until December 2024 and decided to review its Terms of Reference. GRBP will be informed about proposals on this issue.

4. UN Regulation No. 63 (Noise emissions of mopeds)

GRBP is invited to consider proposals that were submitted by the experts from IMMA and ISO with the aim to allow the use of the latest standard ISO 10844:2021 test track.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRBP/2023/16

5. UN Regulation No. 92 (Replacement exhaust silencing systems for motorcycles)

GRBP will address a draft document for reference by the expert from IMMA that introduces industry guidelines on the antitampering provisions for Non-Original Replacement Exhaust Systems (NORESS) in UN Regulation No. 92.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRBP/2023/17

6. UN Regulation No. 138 (Quiet road transport vehicles)

GRBP will be informed about the activities of the Task Force on Quiet Road Transport Vehicles (TF QRTV) and may expect a progress report of the Informal Working Group on Quiet Road Transport Vehicles for the Global Technical Regulation (IWG QRTV GTR).

7. Tyres

(a) UN Regulation No. 54 (Tyres for commercial vehicles and their trailers)

GRBP is invited to address a proposal by the expert from France that specifies a tolerance for the maximum overall width of tyres identified by the “tyre to rim fitment configuration” symbol A.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRBP/2023/18

(b) UN Regulation No. 106 (Tyres for agricultural vehicles and their trailers)

GRBP is invited to resume its consideration of the ETRTO proposal to extend the scope of this UN Regulation to tyres of the speed category symbol E in order to accommodate the technical evolution of agricultural and forestry vehicles.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRBP/2023/9

(c) UN Regulation No. 117 (Tyre rolling resistance, rolling noise and wet grip)

GRBP will be briefed on the activities of the IWG on Wet Grip Performance of Tyres in Worn State (IWG WGWT).

GRBP is invited to address a proposal by IWG MU which introduces measures to reduce variability.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRBP/2023/19

GRBP will recall that, at its previous meeting, the expert from the American Automotive Policy Council (AAPC) briefly introduced GRBP-77-23 and that GRBP agreed to address the issue in detail at this session.

Documentation

Informal document GRBP-77-23

(d) UN Regulation No. 124 (Replacement wheels for passenger cars)

GRBP is invited to address a proposal by the expert from the Russian Federation that clarify certain provisions.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRBP/2023/20

GRBP may also wish to consider a correction to the Russian title of a test method proposed by the expert from the Russian Federation.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRBP/2023/21

(e) Tyre abrasion

GRBP may expect a progress report of the Task Force on Tyre Abrasion (TF TA).

(f) Other UN Regulations on tyres

GRBP will consider amendment proposals, if any, to other UN Regulations on tyres.

8. Exchange of information on national and international requirements on noise levels

GRBP will continue the exchange of views on developing national or regional legislation and international requirements on noise levels. In particular, GRBP will be briefed on the activities of the Task Force on Vehicle Sound (TF VS).

9. Proposals for amendments to the Consolidated Resolution on the Construction of Vehicles

GRBP will consider draft amendments, if any, to the Consolidated Resolution on the Construction of Vehicles (R.E.3).

10. Development of the International Whole Vehicle Type Approval system

GRBP will be informed about the progress in implementing the International Whole Vehicle Type Approval (IWVTA) (UN Regulation No. 0).

11. Highlights of the recent sessions of the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations

GRBP will be briefed by the secretariat about the highlights of the recent sessions of WP.29 on GRBP and common issues.

12. Exchange of views on the future work of the Working Party on Noise and Tyres

GRBP may wish to review the list of priorities for the future work.

13. Other business

At its previous meeting, GRBP noted the activities of the Special Interest Group on Automated Vehicles Regulation Screening (SIG AVRS), invited all experts to help SIG AVRS identify the required changes in UN Regulations under the auspices of GRBP and to set up priorities, taking into account the priorities of WP.29 and Working Party on Automated/Autonomous and Connected Vehicles (GRVA). GRBP is invited to continue its discussions.

GRBP will consider any other subjects, as appropriate.

14. Provisional agenda for the next session

GRBP is invited to provide guidance on the provisional agenda for the next session provisionally scheduled to be held in Geneva from 6 to 9 February 2024.

15. Election of officers

In compliance with Rule 37 of the WP.29 Rules of Procedure (ECE/TRANS/WP.29/690/Rev.2), GRBP will elect a Chair and a Vice-Chair for the sessions scheduled for the year 2024. According to the Rules of Procedure of the Inland Transport Committee, countries are invited to submit their nominations to the secretariat not later than on 22 August 2023.
